GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3895
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2006
FUND FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION IN PUNJAB
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the funds allocated for the Continuing Education programme under the Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan to various States including Punjab have not been released for years together and the workers engaged under this programme have not been paid wages for more than one year ;

(b) If so, the reasons for such inordinate delay in releasing the funds ;

(c) The steps taken to expedite the release of funds; and

(d) The time by which the funds are likely to be released ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) No funds are allocated to States under the Scheme of Continuing Education Programme (CEP) of National Literacy Mission.CEP is sanctioned on receipt of the proposal approved by the respective State Literacy Mission Authority. The norm prescribes payment of honorarium to Preraks for 12 months in a project year.Anomalies arise when the district fails to complete the project year within the prescribed time period of 12 months. The details of release of funds to various States including Punjab during the last three years is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(b)to(d)There is no delay in the release of funds provided the following conditions are fulfilled : -

i) 75% of the first instalment of grant has been utilized.

ii) Establishment of the continuing education centres and submission of the progress report of the projects.

iii)Audited statement of accounts and utilisation certificate in case the request for second instalment is received after closure of the financial year in which the Ist instalment was released.

National Literacy Mission conducts regional workshops to review the status of implementation of programme and also workshops for settlement of accounts which help in the timely release of funds.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3895 ASKED BY SHRI DAHYABHAI VALLABHBHAI PATEL TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2006 REGARDING FUND FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION IN PUNJAB.

Status of grants released under the Scheme of Continuing Education during the last three years

(Rupees in Lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the State/ UT	Amount of grant released 2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1.	Andhra Pradesh	-	1842.71	819.20	2084.15
2.	Bihar	99.29	530.77	
3.	Chhattisgarh	303.02	289.83	
4.	Delhi	128.32		
5.	Gujarat	1595.54	561.10	890.97
6.	Haryana	332.26	196.29	
7	Himachal Pradesh	53.61	37.37	
8.	Jharkhand	594.22		
9.	Karnataka	1176.88	2489.53	1293.34

10. Kerala - 485.60 579.54 219.78
11. Madhya Pradesh 1730.50 2836.57
12. Maharashtra 176.76 267.09 2678.35
13. Manipur 7.50 7.50
14. Mizoram 31.70
15. Nagaland 7.50
16. Orissa- 0.61 308.61
17. Punjab 338.59
18. Rajasthan 1977.65 2103.83 672.82
19. Sikkim- 7.50
20. Tamil Nadu 839.19 1623.03 700.08
21. Tripura 31.13 275.73
22. Uttaranchal 30.00 197.86 757.72
23. Uttar Pradesh 527.75 1603.81 1734.06
24. West Bengal 3763.04 1364.59 1565.05
25. Chandigarh 62.66
26. Lakshadweep 11.75 11.74 17.01
27. Pondicherry 32.63
Total 14449.77 15546.47 14909.01